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1. HEAD OF UK DEL TO ECE STEEL COMMITTEE (ASST. SECY. JOHN JENKINS OF UK DEPT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY) SOUGHT OUT DEPTOFF POLIK (EB/ISM) OCT 30 FOR LENGTHY PRIVATE DISCUSSION EC AND UK SCRAP SITUATION. DURING DISCUSSION, POLIK BRIEFED JENKINS ON
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OCT 23 BRUSSELS MEETING WITH PETRICK AND OTHER ECE OFFICIALS

(REPORTED REFTEL).

2. JENKINS SAID THAT EXCEPT FOR ITALY, EC MEMBER STATES APPEARED TO BE IN FAIRLY GOOD SHAPE INsofar AS SCRAP NEEDS CONCERNED. ON ISSUE OF UK SCRAP EXPORT TO SPAIN, JENKINS DISAGREED WITH PETRICK'S COMMENTS RE UK'S FREEDOM TO EXPORT SCRAP OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNITY (PARA 4 REFTEL). ACCORDING TO JENKINS, UK HAS CUT OFF ITS SCRAP EXPORTS TO SPAIN, IN KEEPING WITH UK OBLIGATIONS UNDER EC ENTRY AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT UNDER THESE AGREEMENTS, UK IS ALLOWED TO MAINTAIN CONTROLS ON SCRAP EXPORTS TO EC MEMBERS DURING TWO YEAR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD ENDING IN DEC 1974, FOLLOWING WHICH UK WILL HAVE TO END ALL RESTRICTIONS ON SCRAP EXPORTS TO EC MEMBERS. HOWEVER, DURING THIS TRANSITIONAL PERIOD, WHICH UK ABLE LEGALLY TO RESTRICT SCRAP EXPORTS TO EC, ANY UK SCRAP EXPORTS OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNITY REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE NINE EC MEMBER STATES. UK THUS HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO CUT OFF ITS SCRAP EXPORTS TO SPAIN. JENKINS CONFIRMED PETRICK'S REMARKS RE UK-EC UNDERSTANDING WHEREBY UK FURNISHING EC WITH APPROX 25,000 TONS SCRAP MONTHLY.

3. JENKINS ALSO NOTED THAT LACK THUS FAR OF ANY INFORMATION ON US SCRAP EXPORT POLICY FOR 1974 HAD RAISED SERIOUS CONCERN AND UNCERTAINTIES IN EC STEEL INDUSTRIES, AND HE URGED THAT USG ANNOUNCE ITS 1974 POLICY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. DURING ECE STEEL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE FUTURE SEMINARS, SPANISH REP VOICED CONCERN OVER RESTRICTIONS OR BAN ON FOREIGN SCRAP EXPORTS TO SPAIN, AND SAID THAT AS RESULT THESE DEVELOPMENTS, SPANISH GOVT HAD UNDERTAKEN URGENT STUDY OF DIRECT REDUCTION PROCESSES. BASSIN

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